

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto YOSHIDA, et al. Confirmation No.: 6453
Serial No.: 10/593,268 Group Art Unit: 1791
Filed: October 6, 2006 Examiner: Hoffman, John M.
For: SINTERING METHOD AND SINTERING APPARATUS OF POROUS GLASS
BASE MATERIAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.